

8 December 2008

Mr Jon Stanhope  
Chief Minister, Legislative Assembly

Dear Mr Stanhope,

### **Hume Privately Owned Gas-Fired Power Station and Data Warehouses**

As has been our experience over the last 7 months in trying to communicate with our elected MLA's and our Chief Minister, we, the community, have remained ignored and without response to our reasonable requests, concerns and issues. It may assist you again if we set out here in point form the views of a large group of the community you were elected to represent:

- We are not against nor concerned with data warehouses being on Industrial land – it is where they should be
- We are against a privately owned gas-fired power station being built within a very short distance from residents (under 20 km would be considered short in most civilised modern countries – and that would be a gas-fired power station that supported the local population rather than just a private real estate company)
- We are concerned with a secretive, limited, non-expert, purpose-driven site selection especially when the purpose is to ensure the needs of a private development consortium are being met without taking into account any needs of the community
- We are concerned with a continual high level political interference from Labor which now suggests throwing away any safe guards contained in planning law and fast-tracking building a privately owned gas-fired power station without any consultation with the community or site-specific surveys
- We are concerned that this government continues to find it unnecessary to communicate with or acknowledge the very real concerns of the community it purports to represent – rather this government continues to prefer to minimise, demean and blame the community for voicing these reasonable concerns


We would like as a matter of urgency the answers to the following:

- Have you now declared the original application for Tuggeranong Block 1671 as ceased?
- Does the community have to reply to the opinion of GHD (called by them a draft EIS, but which does not fulfil the requirements of an EIS?)
- When does the community have to reply to this opinion and why?
- If you still expect the community to reply to this opinion, can the community have an extension to reply to this opinion given there is still confusion whether we should respond or not given your announcement on Friday 5 December 2008?
- What will you do with these replies when you have received them?
- When do you intend to allow the community to consider the fast-track legislation?

- When were you intending to ask the community whether they have any views on this private gas-fired power station moving a mere 1 km down the road?
- What safe guards do you intend to put in place around this development to ensure the views, wishes and concerns of the community are being heard, recognised and dealt with, in respect of this new application/development?

We look forward to hearing from you urgently.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Reid', with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

Bill Reid  
President of CPR Inc